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In re Patent Application of: Satoshi Yamakawa et al.

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For: INTERMEDIATE DEVICE WHICH CAN BE

INTRODUCED AND REMOVED IN

SEAMLESS WAY

Examiner: B. J. Rubin

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.